

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1-4 are amended, claims 5-10 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 11-18 are newly added. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, claims 1-4 and 11-18 will remain pending.

In the Office Action, claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 6,278,837 to Yasukohchi et al (hereinafter "Yasukohchi"). The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection and, therefore, respectfully traverses same.

Yasukohchi discloses a multichannel recording apparatus and method for recording video data on a disc unit 106. Video data are stored on the disc unit 106. Yasukohchi does not disclose a structure of recording, on the disc unit 106, information for commanding reproducing means to automatically sequentially reproduce the first and second programs recorded on the disc unit 106 in the order of at least one of a channel number or a recording start time. Also, Yasukohchi does not disclose a structure of recording, on the disc unit 106, information for commanding reproducing means to reproduce one of the first and second programs which has been requested for reproduction.

Thus, Yasukohchi fails to describe at least the limitation "wherein the control means records, on said disc-shaped recording medium, information for commanding said reproducing means to automatically sequentially reproducing said first and second programs recorded on said disc-shaped recording medium in the order of a channel number or a recording start time" recited in claim 1. Moreover, Yasukohchi fails to discuss at least the limitation "wherein the control means records, on said disc-shaped recording medium, information for commanding said reproducing means to reproduce one of said first and second programs which has been requested for reproduction" recited in claim 2. Similarly, Yasukohchi does not discuss at least the limitation "recording, on said disc-shaped recording medium, information for commanding said reproducing to automatically sequentially reproduce said first and second programs recorded on said disc-shaped recording medium in the order of a channel number or a recording start time" recited in claim 3. Finally, Yasukohchi does not describe at least the limitation "recording, on said disc-shaped recording medium, information for commanding said reproducing to reproduce one of said first and second programs which has been requested for reproduction" recited in claim 4.

Since Yasukohchi fails to describe each and every feature recited by the claims, it cannot anticipate claims 1-4 and 11-18. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the asserted rejection. In addition, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-4 and 11-18 are in condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully submits that this application is now in a condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the claims, withdraw the rejections, and pass this application quickly to issue.

If there are any fees due for entry of this submission that are not otherwise accounted for, the Applicant asks that any such fees be charged to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975, with reference to Order No. 008312/0273762.

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